Construction of an Irrigation Sluice in Kothachira.

71. ✻MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any provision is made in the budget for 1118, towards the construction of an Irrigation sluice in Kothachira in Thazhakara pakuthi, Mavelikara taluk; and

(*b*) if so, whether any action has been taken on the same?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate for Rs. 1,430 has been sanctioned. Tenders were also invited, but the work was not arranged as the amount of the only tender was much in excess of the estimate and as the tenderer offered to do the work only next year.

Rationing rice in Chirayinkil.

72. ✻ MR. VARKALA K MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have decided to increase the rice ration in the cholera infected areas of the Chirayinkil taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The quantity of rice distributed within the Taluk has generally been increased since 1st Edavom 1118 M. E.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know the principle on which the rice quota is allotted to each Taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: That depends upon the need of the locality.

Cocoanut Committee.

73. ✻ MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any Cocoanut Committee has been constituted by Government;

(*b*) the object with which such a committee has been constituted; and

(*c*) the names of the members of the committee and brief particulars of the work so far done by the committee?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Additional Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Chira at Maravattikkavu.

74. ✻MR K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether the people have applied for the deepening (as per minor irrigation rules) of a Chira at "Maravattikkavu" at the 37th mile on the Kallil Temple road, just on the north-western side of the grazing block in survey No. 606/1 of the Rayamangalam pakuthi, Kunnatnad taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the action in respect of that work is at present?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

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(*b*) The question has been dropped on account of the objections raised by the owner of the tank.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : ഇറിഗേഷൻ ആക്റ്റംപ്രകാരം ഉടമസ്ഥന്റെ അനുവാദം ഇല്ലെങ്കിലും ഈ മാതിരിയുള്ള പണികൾ നടത്താവുന്നതാണെന്നുള്ള വിവരം മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : ഉടമസ്ഥന്റെ അനുവാദം ഇല്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടു മാത്രമല്ല. ഇതു പണിയുന്നപക്ഷം ചുറ്റുമുള്ള റോഡുകൾക്കുകൂടി ഉപദ്രവം തട്ടുന്നതാണെന്നു തഹശീൽദാർ റിപ്പോർട്ടുചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതുകൊണ്ടുകൂടി ആണ് ആ പണി നിറുത്തിവച്ചതു്.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : ഇറിഗേഷൻ പണി പൊന്നും വിലയും കൊടുത്തെങ്കിലെ തുടങ്ങാൻ കഴിയൂ എന്നു മെംബർക്കു് അറിയാമോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : അങ്ങനെ ഞാൻ ധരിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

Diversion of funds in the P. W. D.

75. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : Will the Government be pleased :

(*a*) to state whether the P. W. D. Advisory Committee has recommended to them their resolution that money allotted to one P. W. D. Division shall not be transferred to and spent for another P. W. D. Division ; and

(*b*) to lay on the table a statement showing whether money allotted in 1117 for any division has been diverted to any other division or divisions, and if so, the divisions from which and to which such diversions have been made, the amounts that have been so diverted, the original allotment for each division under the various heads such as maintenance, original works and new works ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) No recommendation to Government in the form of a resolution prohibiting the diversion of funds from one Division to another has been made by the P. W. D. Advisory Committee but during discussion at the quarterly meetings they have given expression to their intentions on the matter *viz.* that as far as possible the grants provided in the budget at their instance should not be diverted at all and if such a course is not always feasible it should be the endeavour of the department to see that the allotment for each Division is spent in that Division only.

(*b*) *A statement containing the information required is placed on the table.

Cashew cultivation in Travancore.

76. *MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*) ; Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the extent of cashew cultivation in Travancore ;

**Vide* Appendix II.

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